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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY SEPTEMBER 26:
EXAMINATION OF OECD NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. TCWP WILL HOLD GENERAL DISCUSSION OF OECD
NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES ON SEPTEMBER 26. SECRETARIAT
NOTE TC/WP(78)25, COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO
EB/TA, WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. MISSION
WILL NEED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MISSION COMMENTS ON THE FOUR
MAIN ISSUES RAISED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S DISCUSSION
PAPER:

A. INTERPRETATION OF SCOPE OF OECD NOTIFICATION
PROCEDURE: WE BELIEVE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS TO
REACH CONSENSUS THAT OMA/VRA TYPE MEASURES, MEASURES
TAKEN UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, AND MEASURES
AFFECTING NON-MEMBERS OF OECD SHOULD BE NOTIFIED.
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IDEA IN PARA 14 TO GIVE SECRETARIAT SOME INITIATIVE
IN KEEPING DELS ABREAST OF TRADE POLICY TRENDS ALSO
SEEMS WORTH ENCOURAGING.

B. QUALITY OF NOTIFICATIONS: WE DO NOT SEE THIS AS
A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM, BUT SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS
ARE REASONABLE.

C. REVIEWS BY THE TCWP: WE WOULD PARTICULARLY
ENDORSE PARA 17 SUGGESTION THAT REVIEWS OF NOTIFICA-
TIONS BE USED TO CONSIDER RELEVANCE OF POSITIVE
ADJUSTMENT ORIENTATIONS ADOPTED BY MINISTERS IN
JUNE.

D. FOLLOW-UP TO "PANORAMA" TC(78)3: WE WOULD
RECOMMEND STRONG SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL IN PARAS 23
AND 24 TO DEVELOP PERIODIC REPORT OF DEVELOPMENTS
AND TRENDS IN TRADE POLICY. IN OUR VIEW A
FUNCTIONAL RATHER THAN A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY
APPROACH WOULD BE MORE USEFUL.
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